Agency Name: *EDA*

CDBG-DR Program: *Neighborhood & Community Revitalization (NCR)*

Application ID Number: *NCR40120*

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW

Applicant Name: *Borough of Point Pleasant* **Business/Project Name:** *Rebranding and Revitalizing Channel Drive's* **Program Year:**

Project Location: *Channel Drive, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, 08742*

Project Description (Attach additional descriptive information, as appropriate to the activity, including narrative, maps, photographs, site plans, budgets and other information):

The Borough of Point Pleasant Beach and the proposed project site were directly impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Point Pleasant Beach is located in Ocean County, one of the most severely damaged counties of the nine impacted counties in New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance reports that as of September 2013; 71,534 insurance claims were reported and $513,254,458 in losses were paid in Ocean County.

To assist this community to recover from Superstorm Sandy funding this project includes complete streetscape improvements along Channel Drive. This Streetscape Project is designed to redevelop and rebrand the working waterfront area along the entire Channel Drive in Point Pleasant Beach. This project will include signatur e sculpture/signage at the

both Channel Drive entrances from Broadway to highlight the entrance to the working waterfront district. The entire length of Channel Drive, a five-block area, will be improved.

New brick paver crosswalks will be installed at each intersection that will match the paver treatment of the waterfront promenade grand entrances at Baltimore Avenue. The enclosed site plans show that the project also includes new street trees, pavings, curbing, new street lamps, beaches, bus shelters, signage and landscaping.

The entire Rebranding and Revitalizing Channel Drive's Working Waterfront District Streetscape Project will be constructed within the forty foot public right-of-way of Channel Drive, a local street . No private property will be needed to construct this project. Tree planting to compliment the sidewalk paving will on the private property of the businesses in the district. All the property owner's contacted to date have expressed an interest to include the trees on their property adjacent to the sidewalks and some of them have also pledged matching dollars to supplement the full grant, so additional work can be done to assure the revitalization program's success for the entire neighborhood.

The project will not result in any significant additional impervious cover since the work will predominately result in the placement of sidewalks and landscaping. No significant clearing is required. The lighting installation will require the installation of conduit along the curbline. The Borough of Point Pleasant Beach has requested a NJEDA Streetscape Revitalization Grant of $1.5 million with additional funds for this project being contributed by the business owners in the immediate area.

The subject project has been reviewed pursuant to HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58, "Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities," and the following determination with respect to the project is made:

☐ **Tier 2**

☐ **Exempt** from NEPA review requirements per 24 CFR 58.34(a)

☐ **Categorically Excluded NOT Subject To (CENST)** §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(b)

☒ **Categorically Excluded SUBJECT To (CEST)** §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(a) (A Statutory Checklist for the §58.5 authorities is attached.)

☐ An **Environmental Assessment (EA)** is required to be performed. (An Environmental Assessment performed in accordance with subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 is attached.)

The ERR (see §58.38) must contain all the environmental review documents, public notices and written determinations or environmental findings required by Part 58 as evidence of review, decision making and actions pertaining to a particular project. Include additional information including checklists, studies, analyses and documentation as appropriate:

Determined by: *Neil Sullivan*

Reason for Initial Determination:

CEST per 24 CFR Part 58.35 (a)(1).

Nicholas Malmi	2/25/2015
Principal Name	**Completion Date for DLR**